

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 12-15, 17 and 18 are presently pending in this application subsequent to entry of the above amendments. Claims 1, 6, 12, 17 and 18 have been amended to incorporate the subject matter of non-rejected dependent claims. None of these amendments change the scope of the claims relative to the given dependent claim in any manner, neither narrowing nor broadening, and thus do not add any new matter. The claims have also been amended to return certain claim language to the form it had prior to the previous amendment, filed December 5, 2006, and to clarify certain elements (Claims 1, 12 and 18 have also been amended to consistently use the term "tamper resistant" throughout the claims). Claims 5 and 16 have been cancelled. The amendments and cancelations are made without prejudice to prosecution of broader subject matter in a subsequent application.

The current Office action rejected certain claims but also indicated that claims 5-6 and 16-17 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowability of the recited claims. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections are traversable, for example because of differences between the prior art and the claimed subject matter and because there is no teaching or suggestion leading to the proposed combinations, but Applicants have chosen to amend and cancel certain claims without prejudice in order to facilitate early allowance of the non-rejected subject matter, so the rejections will not be set forth in detail here. Since the cancellations have obviated the rejections, such traversals will likewise not be discussed here.

To facilitate review, applicant has deleted claim 5 and incorporated its subject matter into amended claim 1. Similarly, claim 16 has been deleted and its subject matter incorporated into amended claim 12. In addition, claims 6 and 17 have been amended to adjust the dependencies of these claims to depend from independent claims 1 and 12, respectively. In view of the Examiner's comments, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 12 are now allowable. Furthermore, claims 2-4, 6 and 7 derive patentable

significance from their dependence on claim 1, and claims 13-15, 17 and 18 derive patentable significance from their dependence on claim 12.

Enclosed herewith is a Revocation of Power of Attorney With New Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address Form.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit the application is in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 101 *et. seq.* Thus, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims, 1-4, 6, 7, 12-15, 17 and 18. Applicants have made a good faith effort to place this application in condition for allowance. However, should the Examiner have any further questions about the application, for example the particular language in the claims, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney at (425) 455-5575 to resolve the matter. A check is included herewith to pay for the extension of time fee. If any need for any additional fee is found, for any reason, kindly this a petition therefore and charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account 07-1897.

Respectfully submitted,

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